Railway	Length of rail lines needing replacement (in km.)
Northeast Frontier	918
Southern	836
South Central	1641
South Eastern	2947
Western	3042
TOTAL	17255

(b) The life of the track is normally based on several criteria such as traffic carried, wear of top & sides of rail head, loss of weight proneness to fracture, age and condition of sleepers, maintainability of track etc. The track length which have thus outlived the life are then sanctioned for renewal and the renewals are carried out subject to availability of funds.

Renovation/Modernisation of Railway Stations

269. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Railway stations which have been extended, upgraded renovated, modernised and developed during the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent thereon, State-wise;

(c) the names of Railway stations where renovation/modernisation work is going on; and

(d) the Railway stations proposed to be renovated/modernised in the coming year and the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) There are over 7000 railway stations on Indian Railways. Upgradation/extension/ renovation/modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year wherever warranted on traffic needs and on condition basis. Every year adequate allocation are made for this purpose. During 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 an

expenditure of Rs. 87.96 crore, Rs. 89.36 crores and Rs. 90.72 crore respectively was incurred on this account. For the year 1999-2000 an allocation of Rs. 130.00 crore has been for this activity.

Details of the upgradation/extension/renovation/modernisation works taken up all over Indian Railways at various levels and are not maintained State-wise. However details of all major on going and new works approved for the current year at various stations all over the country are included in the "Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme-Part-II" presented to the Parliament along with the Railway Budget Documents. In addition, numerous development works of small values are also executed at a number of stations.

New Rail Lines Between Mysore and Mangalore and Mysore and Tellicheri

270. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had made a proposal in 1997 for laying a new rail line between Mysore and Mangalore and Mysore and Tellicheri;

(b) whether the proposed rail lines would facilitate in transportation of forest products and commercial crops like coffee, pepper, cardamom, arecanut, etc;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the views of Government in this regard; and

(d) whether any allocation has been made in the current financial year, if so, the targeted date for implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.